

PREVIEW

from The Autobiography

Benjamin Franklin

Summary In this section of his autobiography, Franklin explains how he plans to reach moral perfection. He lists thirteen virtues, or qualities, that he will work on one by one. To keep track of his progress, Franklin writes the virtues in a special notebook. He places a black mark beside a virtue every time he forgets to follow it. Each week he works on a different virtue. Franklin finds that his plan is helpful but not completely successful.

Note-taking Guide

Use this chart to keep track of the different virtues that Franklin works on. List the virtues in order from most important to least important.



Virtues to Help Franklin Reach His Goal

- Temperance
-
-
-
-
-
-
-
-
-
-
-
-